

STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME

COMPLETION REPORT
PROJECT F 28D 2
MOUNTAIN LAKES

The second segment of the project covered the period June 1, 1957 to August 31, 1958. The following completion report covers all work accomplished during this period.

TYPE OF WORK

1. Signs and Boundary Markers

All signs, both directional and designational which were constructed under the first segment of the project were delivered to the respective district ranger headquarters for erection. Signs for the following areas were erected during the project period.

- (2) Gospel Hill
- (3) Buffalo Hump
- (5) Sawtooth

Signs for the other areas (1) Seven-Devils and (4) Burnt Knob, will be erected by forest service and department personnel during the summer of 1959.

Considerable improvement has been added to both existing and newly constructed trail systems by the placement of these signs. Reports indicate that angler as well as other recreational use of these trails has increased considerably over the average increase in use on other trail systems. Pictures 1 and 2 show some of the signs after erection.

2. Trail Construction

All trail construction as outlined in the project plans, specifications and estimate statement was completed. This construction was finished during the summer of 1957. In July and August, 1958 a crew went over the entire trail to place additional erosion-control structures where needed as well as to take other corrective measures for bringing the new trail up to acceptable standards. Pictures 3 through 8 show some of the features of the completed trail. Figure 1 shows the present trail network in this section of the Sawtooth Primitive Area.

Recreational use of the new trail was heavy during the summer of 1958. Many pack parties, both horse and back-packers visited the lakes opened to public use by the construction of trails. All lakes made accessible by the trails are now stocked and fishing was reported good to excellent in most of them.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Trail Inspection and Acceptance

In August, 1958 personnel of the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, regional office, and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game inspected the new trails. Following the inspection trip the new trail was formally accepted by the Forest Service as a part of the Boise National Forest trail system. Maintenance of the trails in the future will be undertaken by this government agency.





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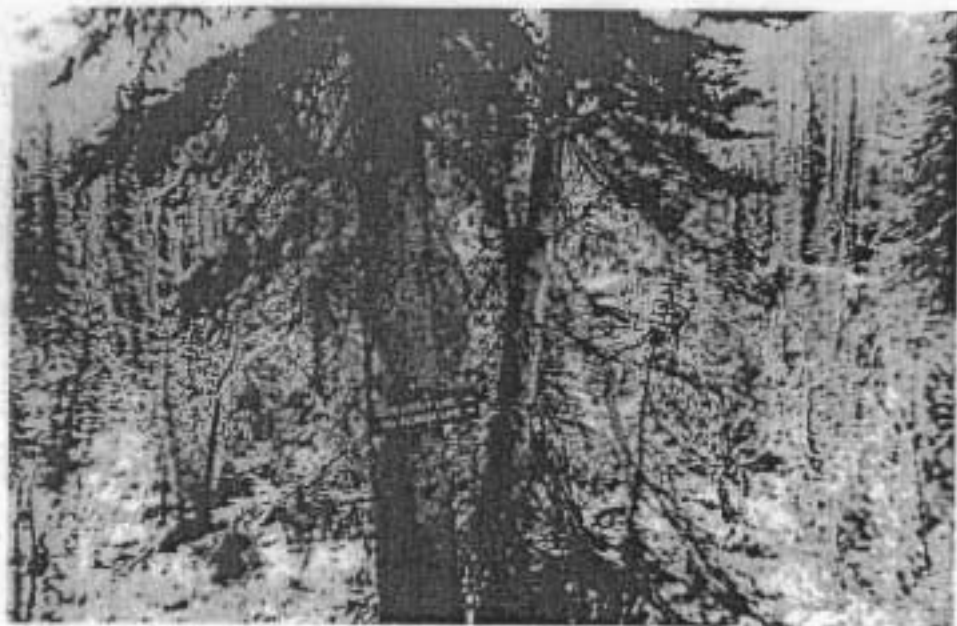
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Figure 1. Map of Sawtooth Area showing newly constructed trails and the present trail system, Boise National Forest.

Legend:

-  roads
 trails
 new horse trails
 new foot trails



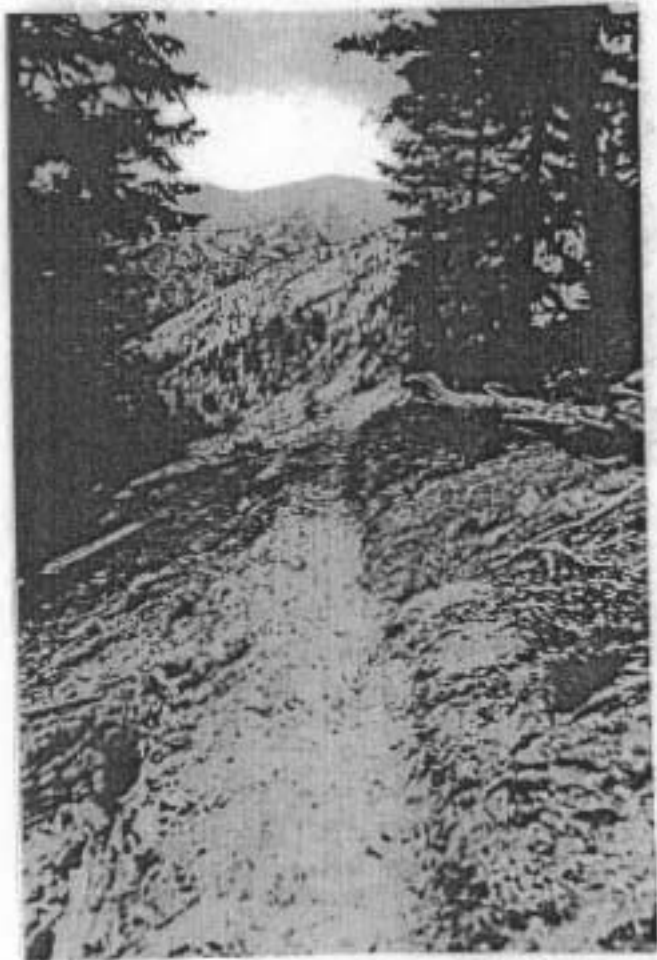
Picture 1. Directional sign along trail marking the beginning of blazed foot trail to Everly and Plummer lakes.



Picture 2. Plummer Lake showing a designational sign (lower). All named lakes within the development area now have similar signs.



Picture 3. Trail construction crew finishing a section of the High Pass trail on the head of Little Queens River.



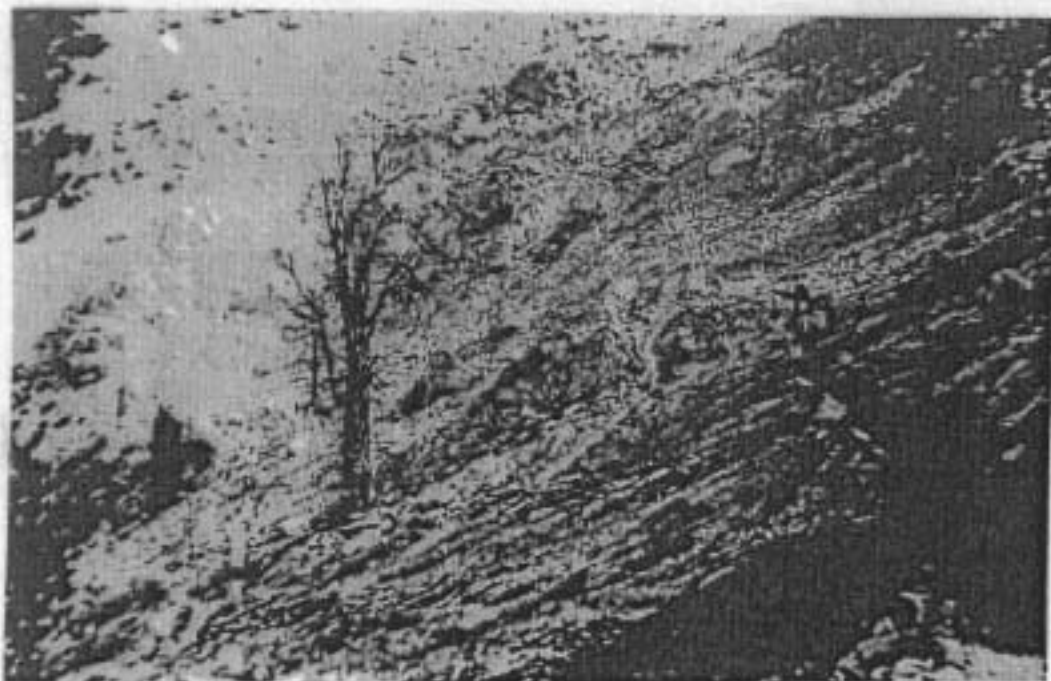
Picture 4. Completed section of typical side-hill trail near High Pass summit. Grade is about 8 per cent.



Picture 5. A gully-bridge on Johnson creek. Vernon Rich, coordinator, and Pat Reed, supervisor of construction, on an inspection trip.



Picture 6. Some of the rocky terrain encountered on East Fork, Johnson creek. Grades through sections such as this sometimes exceed the maximum for short distances.



Picture 7. A typical switch-back in rock terrain near the summit between Johnson creek and Queens river



Picture 8. A down-hill grade on head of Queens river. Much of the trail construction was through terrain such as this.